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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Comments on the proposed settlement of the Microsoft suite

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Dear Sir/Madam:

A recent newsletter from Red Hat Linux asked Linux resellers to send comments regarding the proposed DOJ/Microsoft settlement to this address (microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov).

I am the President of a small firm that is authorized to sell Linux and Unix. We are also a Microsoft Certified Partner. I am in favor of settling this matter as quickly and inexpensively as possible. Speaking as both a consumer and Information Technology professional, Microsoft continues to provide better and simpler solutions than other vendors.

Rather than restrict competition, I now can obtain more non-Microsoft solutions for operating systems and business applications than at any time in the past ten years.

I believe that anyone who charges Microsoft with having unfair business practices is unfamiliar with the world of business. In my opinion, Microsoft's business practices are no more onerous those of other large firms. This includes firms in the IT market such as Sun and Oracle, and firms outside the IT market such as Ford.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my personal opinion. Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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